

**Topical Heading**

# School Improvement

**Program Title**

## Arts in Education

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.351E

**Administering Office**

Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

By law, mandated grants are made to the John F. Kennedy Center and to the Very Special Arts, now known as VSA arts.

**Current Competitions**

None. FY 2006 funds support noncompetitive awards.

**Type of Assistance (specifically)**

Sole source, noncompetitive awards, by direction of Congress.

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2004	\$13,395,497
Fiscal Year 2005	\$13,808,640
Fiscal Year 2006	\$13,645,253

**Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information**

*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 2

Average New Award: \$6,822,627

**Legislative Citation**

*Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*, as amended, Title V, Part D, Subpart 15.

**Program Regulations**

*EDGAR*

**Program Description**

The Arts in Education program authorizes noncompetitive awards to VSA arts, whose programs encourage the involvement of, and foster greater awareness of the need for, arts programs for persons with disabilities. Support also is given to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for its arts education programs for children and youths.

**Types of Projects**

Two grants are awarded: one to VSA arts and the other to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. VSA arts supports projects that encourage the involvement of disabled people in the arts and foster a greater awareness of the need for arts programs for the disabled. VSA arts projects include training and technical assistance activities, information services, and public awareness activities. The Kennedy Center provides performances, professional development, and other educational activities that emphasize the importance of the arts in education. The Kennedy Center also works with the Alliance for Arts Education, a network of state arts education committees, to focus on incorporating the arts into school curricula.

**Education Level (by category)**

Pre-K, K-12, Adult

**Subject Index**

Art, Disabilities, Professional Development

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